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MEMORANDUM FOR: DI Executive Officers

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Establishment of Interagency Balkan Task Force

Colleagues,

FYI, appended is a memo that the DDCI issued this week establishing an Interagency Balkan Task Force. Jim Carson, Chief of our Security Issues Division, will be heading up the task force. It will include elements from EURA, RTT, DIA, NSA, and possibly other Community agencies as well.

The task force will be headquartered (beginning on Tuesday morning) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We will be issuing a phone list and duty rosters as soon as possible. At least initially, we plan to operate from ca. 0500-2000 (give or take), although there may be a need to expand to 24-hour coverage if the situation deteriorates.

Please spread the word about the inauguration of the task force as you find it appropriate within your office. I'll let you know of any further developments that might affect you. Thanks for your help, [REDACTED]

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1. The situation in Yugoslavia has deteriorated markedly in the last several weeks. Some form of outside military intervention in the region is increasingly likely, and the United States will play a facilitating role, including intelligence support. In order to ensure the most efficient use of Community resources, I am establishing an interagency task force to manage all-source US intelligence support.

2. The mission of the Balkan Task Force will be three fold:

- To centralize and coordinate development and implementation of a collection strategy and tasking.
- To centralize and coordinate the Community's sanctions monitoring effort in support of UN Security Council Resolution 747. 757
- To coordinate general military intelligence support to US policy and contingency planning and tactical intelligence support

3. I have appointed Mr. James O. Carson of CIA's Office of European Analysis as Task Force Chief. Mr. Carson's Deputy will be designated by DIA. The Task Force will be headquartered at CIA (see Attachment), with a military analytic element at DIA. It will be staffed largely by CIA and DIA, with some NSA support. Assistance from other agencies may be required.

4. A meeting of NFIB Representatives to discuss the mission, organization, and operation of the Balkan Task Force will be held on Monday, 15 June, 1400-1530, in Room 6G00, CIA Headquarters. Please provide names and clearances of attendees no later than 1600, 12 June, to Mr. Carson's secretary,

W. O. Studeman
Admiral, U. S. Navy

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ATTACHMENT

THE BALKAN TASK FORCE

Senior Representation. The Task Force will be headed by Mr. James O. Carson (SIS-03), supported by a Deputy Chief from DIA and three Group Chiefs (2 CIA, 1 DIA).

Balkan Political Group (CIA Chief). The Group will prepare current intelligence and longer-term assessments of political developments in the region. In addition, the Group will prepare a weekly publication on developments in the new Yugoslav states. It will be drawn largely from CIA's Office of European Analysis.

Balkan Economic Group (CIA Chief). The Group will publish a weekly "Sanctions Monitoring Report," respond to requests for information on compliance, and examine the impact of the war on the economies of the region. It also will respond to requests for traces on individuals banks and companies. It will be drawn largely from CIA's Offices of European Analysis and Resources, Trade and Technology.

Balkan Military Group (DIA Chief). The Group will be based at the DIAC and will provide tactical intelligence support to the UN as well as prepare general military assessments and databases. It also will assess the sources of arms for Yugoslav successor states and other countries in the region. It will be drawn largely from DIA with augmentation from CIA's Offices of European Analysis and Imagery Analysis. It also will be supported by a small CIA military cell which will produce CIA's weekly support cable [REDACTED]

Support Team. A small team of liaison and support personnel will work under the Task Force Chief, providing secretarial and ADP support and centralized collection management and tasking support to the Task Force.

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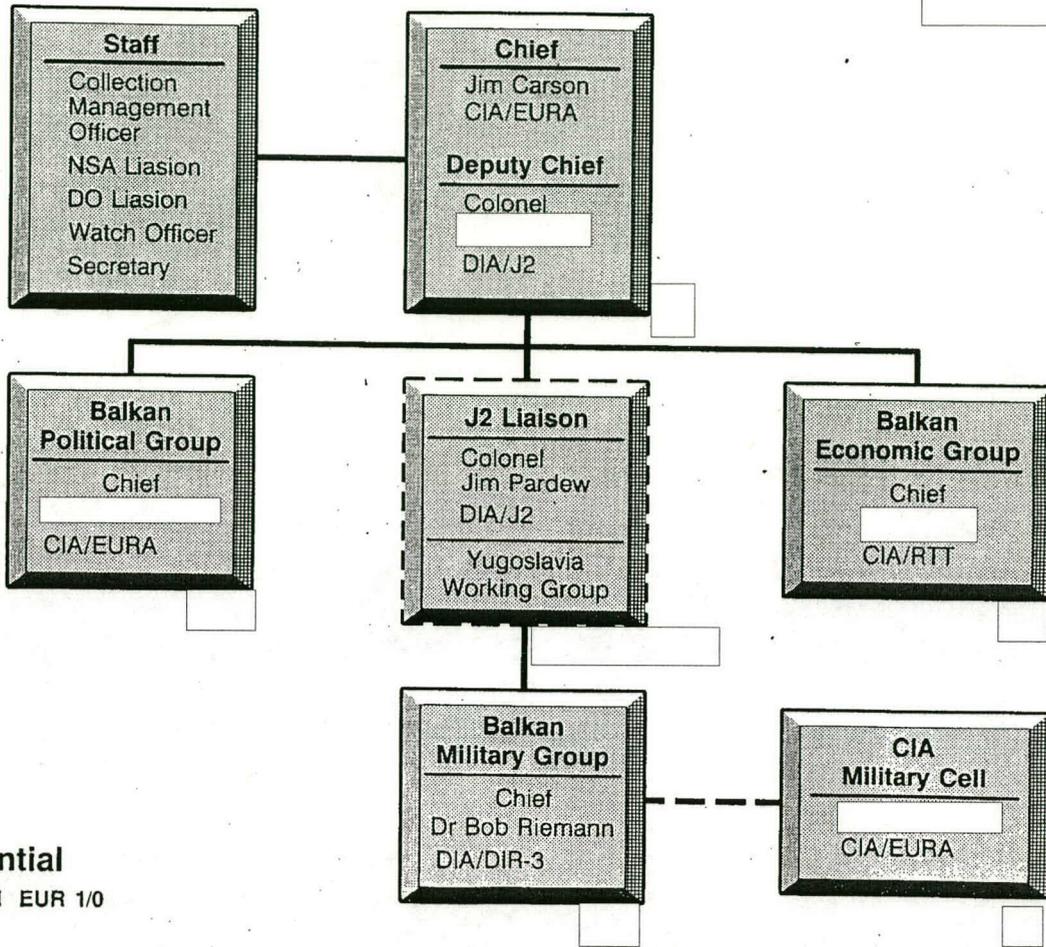
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